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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/707,254

**Applicant(s)**

ISAACSON, MARK J.

**Examiner**

Lori L. Coletta

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 November 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

### *Claim Objections*

1. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 5, "said second modular system" (lines 2 and 3) needs to be changed to --said second modular vehicle system--.

Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. 2003/0168875.

Regarding claim 1, Anderson et al. '875 discloses a method of interchanging vehicle accessories across a variety of different vehicles, including different vehicle models, comprising providing a first module vehicle attachment system (10) located in a first vehicle; locating a plurality of attachment points along said module vehicle attachment system; coupling a first article (20) to one of said plurality of attachment points; coupling a second article (20) to another of said plurality of attachment points. Since the module vehicle attachment system (10) is a modular kit that can be installed in different vehicle, a second modular vehicle attachment system can be installed in a second vehicle.

Since, the articles (20) of the modular vehicle attachment system are detachable, you can remove the first article from said first modular vehicle attachment system and attach said first article from the first vehicle to said second modular vehicle attachment system installed in the second vehicle.

Regarding claim 2, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein the first modular vehicle attachment system includes a pair of parallel rails that provide said plurality of attachment points.

Regarding claim 3, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein the second modular vehicle attachment system includes a pair of parallel rails that provide said plurality of attachment points.

Regarding claim 4, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said first article is selected from the group of the following: a DVD, storage compartment, power adapters and outlets, visual display screen or a first aid kit.

Regarding claim 5, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein the first modular system has a different length than said second modular system. If the modular system is installed in different locations in the vehicle such as doors or roofs or on different models of vehicle, then the modular system has a different length depending on the area that the modular system is installed.

Regarding claim 6, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said first modular system further includes a plurality of articles attached to a plurality of said plurality of attachment points.

Regarding claim 7, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said first modular vehicle system is attached to an interior panel (24) of the first vehicle

Regarding claims 8 and 16, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said interior panel constitutes a vehicle headliner.

Regarding claims 9 and 17, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said interior panel constitutes a side panel.

Regarding claims 10 and 18, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said interior panel constitutes a door panel.

Regarding claim 11, Anderson et al. '875 discloses a method for releasably attaching articles to a first modular vehicle attachment system (10) and reattaching them to a second modular vehicle attachment system in a different vehicle model, comprising coupling the first modular vehicle attachment system to an interior portion of a first vehicle (24); providing a plurality of attachment points on the first modular vehicle attachment system; coupling a first article (20) to one of said plurality of attachment points on the modular vehicle attachment system; coupling the second modular vehicle attachment system to an interior portion of a second vehicle; providing a plurality of attachment points on the second modular vehicle system; detaching said first article from said one of said plurality of attachment points and coupling said first article to one of said plurality of attachment points on the second modular vehicle attachment system where said first vehicle and said second vehicle are different models.

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Since the module vehicle attachment system (10) is a modular kit that can be installed in different vehicle, a second modular vehicle attachment system can be installed in a second vehicle. Since, the articles (20) of the modular vehicle attachment system are detachable, you can remove the first article from said first modular vehicle attachment system and attach said first article from the first vehicle to said second modular vehicle attachment system installed in the second vehicle.

Regarding claim 12, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method whereon said first modular vehicle attachment system includes a pair of rails for providing said plurality of attachment points.

Regarding claim 13, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said first article (said second article) is selected from the group of the following: a DVD, storage compartment, power adapters and outlets, visual display screen, or a first said kit.

Regarding claim 15, Anderson et al. '875 discloses the method wherein said first modular vehicle attachment system is secured to an interior panel of said first vehicle.

Regarding claim 19, Anderson et al. '875 discloses a method for providing a modular vehicle attachment system that can be utilized in a variety of different vehicles, comprising providing a plurality of attachment points on a first modular vehicle attachment system disposed on an interior surface of a first vehicle; securing a first component to one of said plurality of attachment points on the modular vehicle attachment system; providing a plurality of attachment points on a second modular vehicle attachment system disposed on an interior surface of a second vehicle; releasing said first component from said respective attachment points on a first

modular vehicle attachment system; and reattaching said first component to said second modular vehicle attachment system.

Since the module vehicle attachment system (10) is a modular kit that can be installed in different vehicle, a second modular vehicle attachment system can be installed in a second vehicle. Since, the articles (20) of the modular vehicle attachment system are detachable, you can remove the first article from said first modular vehicle attachment system and attach said first article from the first vehicle to said second modular vehicle attachment system installed in the second vehicle.

### *Conclusion*

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.



*Response to Arguments*

5. Applicant's arguments filed November 19, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claims 1, 11 and 19, Anderson et al. '875 discloses a method for providing a modular vehicle attachment system that can be utilized in a variety of different vehicles. Since the module vehicle attachment system (10) is a modular kit that can be installed in a variety of different vehicles, a second modular vehicle attachment system can be installed in a second vehicle. Since, the articles (20) of the modular vehicle attachment system are detachable, you can remove the first article from said first modular vehicle attachment system and attach said first article from the first vehicle to said second modular vehicle attachment system installed in the second vehicle.

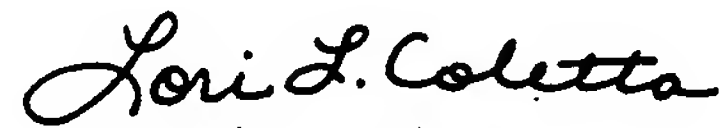
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Coletta whose telephone number is (703) 306-4614. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00am-2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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